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I. [redacted] uranium was being mined in Transylvania in the vicinity of the towns of Aiud N 46-19, E 23-437 and Huedin N 46-52, E 23-037.

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[redacted] village, which is 10 km. west of Aiud, had been placed in a restricted area in which uranium was being extracted.

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a.

stopped by the Securitate at a point five kilometers from Aiud a high wire fence which was being patrolled by Securitate personnel.

b.

two or three other villages had been included in the restricted area. the name of village; may have been Cornatelul or Urechesti. uranium was being extracted in the restricted area and large numbers of laborers with their families had been admitted behind the barbed wire fence.

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c.

many of the technicians formerly employed on the Black Sea-Danube Canal were transferring to Aiud and to Huedin. The owner, Mrs. CURCAN, complained that she was losing many of her good customers.

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2. Huedin:

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jobs at Huedin paid approximately 1,000 lei more per month than those on the canal.

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III. Abandonment of Danube-Black Sea Canal:

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the Danube-Black Sea Canal Project was evidently abandoned because higher priority projects in Rumania required manual labor.

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2. In September 1953 all work on the canal had stopped and the thousands of laborers previously employed were removed from the sites. [redacted] only the dike at Capul Midia [N 44-21, E 28-41] was still under construction in late fall of 1953.
3. Considering the investment and the years of propaganda concerning the canal, the project must have been abandoned only because labor was urgently needed at more important sites.
4. It was rumored in Constanta that the labor from the canal had been transferred to the Aiud and Huedin uranium projects and possibly also to the Bicaz [approximately N 46-49, E 25-52] hydroelectric project.

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